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REDUCTASE INHIBITORS (as amended)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated January 30, 2003, for which a Notice of Appeal is due Wednesday, April 30, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks in the belief that they place the application in condition for allowance, or at least in better condition for appeal. A notice of appeal is being transmitted herewith.